

**SEPTIC TANK PUMPERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Byrnes called the Septic Tank Pumpers Advisory Committee meeting to order on April 28, 2006 at 12:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Byrnes (Chair) Superior Septic Service;  
Ross Knapper, Gallatin City-County Health Department;  
Conrad Eckert, Eckert's Services;  
Steve Kunkle, Montana Septic Service;  
John Clark, Scenic City Enterprises;  
Wade Stout, Badger Pass Septic Service;  
Don Heimbigner, Don's Septic Service;  
Mary Hendrickson, Montana DEQ

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wade Dooley, Little Stinkers;  
Renai Hill, Rick Thompson, Darrell Stankey, Ed Thamke - Montana DEQ;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 7, 2005 MEETING

Mike Byrnes asked for any changes to draft minutes.

There were no comments or edits from the committee.

A motion to approve the October 7, 2005 minutes was made and seconded.

The motion carried and the October 7, 2005 minutes were approved as written.

COMMITTEE HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:

*1. Future meeting dates*

Mary Hendrickson said that the advisory committee webpage was on the internet and thought it would be a good idea for the committee to decide on future meeting dates so that the dates could then be posted online. Mike Byrnes suggested that July 28, 2006 and October 6, 2006 would be good times to meet. A motion to approve the proposed meeting dates was made and seconded. The motion carried and the future meeting dates were approved. Mary Hendrickson said these dates would be posted on the webpage.

*2. Resignation/replacement of DEQ Representative*

Mary Hendrickson resigned from the advisory committee as the DEQ representative. Ms. Renai Hill is now the Septic Tank Pumper Program contact for the Department and should be the new DEQ Representative on the committee. A motion to accept Mary Hendrickson's resignation and approve Renai Hill's appointment was made and seconded. Renai Hill is the new DEQ Representative to the committee.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

### *1. Enforcement Update*

Mary Hendrickson provided an update on the outcome of the civil action the Department took against Mark's Environmental Service (MES) and its owner and operator in Flathead County for violations of the Septage Disposal Laws. The Department filed for default judgment against MES, et al. The default judgment hearing was held in Flathead County on April 4, 2006. The judge signed the default judgment and entry was filed on April 25, 2006. The judgment requires the payment of \$26,005 in penalties and requires MES et al., to advertise in the local newspaper that they are no longer in business to conduct septage cleaning or disposal. In addition, they may not engage in any activities regulated by Title 75, chapter 10, part 12 MCA, may not own, possess, lease, or operate a truck equipped to pump or dispose of septage, and they may not advertise or renew advertising that solicits business for septage cleaning or disposal.

### *2. STP Training Results*

Mary Hendrickson provided the committee the results of the evaluation of the STP conference held in Helena in January. Overall, the Department received very positive results from the attendees, with several attendees indicating they learned things they did not know. A repeat of the January conference is scheduled to be held in Billings on May 19, 2006. Results of that training effort will be presented to the committee during the July meeting.

### *3. SPAC long-term goals*

Mary Hendrickson provided a brief summary of the items that she had envisioned the board discuss, including establishment of pumper certification program, revisions to the current administrative rules, and future training topics.

### *4. SPAC member rules and procedures*

Mary Hendrickson handed out the draft rules and procedures for SPAC committee members. The rules and procedures were discussed, briefly, but discussions were tabled until the next meeting to give the members time to review the document and provide comments and revisions before voting on approval.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *1. Confirm next meeting date*

The next meeting will be held on July 28, 2006 in Room 111 of the Metcalf Building from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

### *2. Agenda items for next meeting*

STP certification program

SPAC rules and procedures

Land application on state lands

Training results from May 19, 2006 STP conference

Enforcement update

Mike Byrnes adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.